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## The World Turns On

By DR. R. W. STEEN

The recent British disaster in Libya has given rise to a great deal of criticism of the British war effort. Criticism is doubtless justified, and the right to criticize is one of the things for which the Allies are fighting. However, in pointing to the British failures in this war we should not overlook the seemingly insuperable problems Britain has faced and the many contributions she has made to the Allied cause.

"Too little and too late" is a charge which has often been made against the British. It should be remembered, however, that there are reasons for the British acts. Britain was unprepared when the war began. Perhaps she should have been prepared, but Americans have small room for criticism on that score. The fact is she was not prepared. Her industries were suddenly called upon to match the war production of German industries which had been geared to war production several years before. It took a year or two for British industry to adjust itself, and there is no reason to believe that British industry can produce more than German industry can. Perhaps this accounts for a great deal of the "too little."

Britain has sent token forces to fight in various parts of the Empire and has built up a very large army within the British Isles. It is charged that this is foolish, and that the army, or at least much of it, should be sent to fight elsewhere. It should be remembered that Britain can lose Singapore and still fight. She can lose Burma and even India and continue to fight. She can lose the Middle East and continue to fight. But she can't lose the Isles and continue to fight. It is true that Germany has not as yet made an all out attempt to land in Britain, but who can say that such an attempt would not be made if the forces there were weakened. Who can say that Germany did not plan an invasion of Britain last summer? Who can say that she does not plan one this summer? It is unwise to argue that Britain needs no defense unless one is prepared to say that Britain is safe from attack. Perhaps this explains some more of the "too little."

Whatever else is said, we should remember that year after the fall of France when Britain stood alone; when Churchill rallied his people about him and dared the greatest military machine the world had seen to do its worst. Britain accomplished miracles in that year. She did not win the war for the allies, but she kept Germany from winning. She deserves credit for her stand.

## Something to Read

By Dr. T. F. Mayo

At Last! A Good Book about Hitlerland ("Pattern of Conquest", by J. C. Harsch) After plowing through such huge tomes as Berlin Diary in a vain search for a realistic explanation of Hitler's success, the reviewing staff of The Battalion has at last found a book of moderate length which offers something more convincing than (1) Hitler's hypnotic personality, and (2) the natural born cussedness of the whole German nation.

Pattern of Conquest makes it clear that the Nazis, as tough a gang as ever cumbered the long suffering earth, have nevertheless given some excellent things to the German people. The catch is, of course, that they have used these good, socially sound gifts as bribes to induce the Germans to support them in the most outrageous of enterprises. Intelligent and generous provision for children—all children—and a high degree of equality of opportunity in both civilian and military fields, are some of the really fine things that these scoundrels have given to Germany. It is disheartening that such gifts should be shamelessly used as means to wholly indefensible ends.

There are other interesting things in Pattern of Conquest, including the clearest explanation I've seen of the Nazi machinery for exploiting conquered countries; an analysis of Nazi war aims; a description of the Nazi revolution in warfare; sketches of the five Nazis closest to Hitler (Goering, Ley, Himmler, von Ribbentrop, and Goebbels); and a very cheering and convincing estimate of our chances of winning the war.

But what really sets this little book apart from the rest of the flood of "inside" stories is its fearlessness in admitting the really strong points in our enemy's case. As the author says in his fine "Conclusion": "Hitler's greatest source of strength is the equality of opportunity for youth in Germany, which is a new thing for that country. Those who overthrow him must recognize the importance of equality of opportunity to the vitality of any society. It will become not only the partially fulfilled promise it is in Nazi Germany, but much more of a reality in the society which can generate the internal strength necessary to overthrow him."

## Quotable Quotes

"Society needs a changed conception of scientific management, which has too long been considered as hard and detached and coldly analytical, whereas it depends for its success no humane considerations. Our new conception of scientific management involves greater consideration for each of the factors involved in production, namely: men, machines, materials and money." Dr. Vernon D. Keeler, professor of management and industry at the University of California, stresses importance of the human equation in industrial management.

## PRIVATE BUCK By Clyde Lewis



"Honest, Cookie, when I said I was hungry enough to eat a boiled owl, I was only kidding!"

## BACKWASH

By Jack Hood

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster

## Note QMs

The Quartermaster Corps in Australia is engaged in a game something like "Cuttin', Cuttin', Who's got the Cuttin'?" The reason is the AEF has mislaid a shipment of razors and blades taken to Australia... "We are down to our last few blades and there are no razors left," said a QM officer. "We know there is a consignment somewhere in Australia, but we can't find it..."

The AEF-QM's have the large order of supplying the AEF almost entirely independent of Aussie aid.

## Knock-Knock

Freshmen who are hunting some extra-curricular pastime which offers fun, travel, and a swell opportunity to "get into something" should look in on the Singing Cadets... they even give scholastic credit for it. The Cadets activities are scheduled to take up as little of the member's time as possible.

## Trivia

Current story newsmen tell is the one about the private in World War I, who asked a news correspondent what he thought of civilization... the man came back, "It's fine!... but when is it going to start?"... anyone who is missing a large faded blue trunk which was picked up at Legett Hall May 14, should get in touch with the Railway Express Agency at Galveston... (What is this, the lost and found column?)... nowadays the average Aggie's income is

## Save Scrap Rubber From Careless Fires

"Don't let the collection of scrap rubber be destroyed by fire due to careless handling," is the plea of Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner.

Storage of scrap rubber where it can be protected from fire hazards was a suggestion Hall offered today.

"Rubber will burn," he said. "When ignited, rubber creates an intense heat and makes a fire that is difficult to extinguish."

"As vital and essential as our stockpile of rubber is now, we must assume the responsibility in seeing that every measure is adopted to protect the scrap rubber accumulations from fire. This is a responsibility that rests on every one of our communities until the scrap can be transported to reclaiming plants."

## College Formulates Plans to Save Books

Plans for protecting its 40,000 books and manuscripts in event of air raids have been formulated by Yeshiva college.

The Yeshiva library possesses a number of rare manuscripts and valuable sixteenth-century books, which with certain important documents, will be placed in a special steel vault.

about two o'clock in the morning... We are just wondering. Who started using the name "Forty Acres" first, Texas U., or the University of Dubuque in Iowa... the guy who still has the first dollar he ever made is either a miser or a bum counterfeiter...

## You Often...

... wonder just how some professors get absent-minded. The following accounts for one, Prof. O. W. Wilson:

At Michigan State, Prof. Wilson found the going rough in his Spanish class. The recitation first was disrupted when a co-ed's string of beads broke and a 20-minute search was made... No sooner had order been restored than the classroom door opened... a young man stepped in... calmly surveyed the students... spied a certain young lass, and threw her a candy bar. Then he turned, without a word and walked out... Class was dismissed, and Prof. Wilson studied up on the whims and habits of the younger generation.

## New System Used On Soldiers Mail In Foreign Service

A new system for sending mail to men of the armed forces serving overseas has been inaugurated by the Post Office of the U. S. It is the plan that all mail intended to go to these men should be on some special form; one that will take a minimum of space and weight. This new service is called the V-Mail, as stated in the Postal Bulletin of June 15.

There are to be special forms that the Post Offices will supply or that will be obtainable at designated places after the system is well under way. These forms will be a combination envelope and writing paper, which can be folded in a prescribed way so that they may be easily opened and photographed.

The letters are to have a duplicate made to be photographic mic-filming, which will be placed on file and in the event that the ship carrying the letter does not arrive at its destination, another copy may be sent and the man in the service that the letter was destined for will get it, regardless of the circumstances. The original is to be sent first and if that does not reach the recipient, photographic copies will be sent him.

By using this new type of mail, more letters may be sent to the men "over there" and as it takes about half the space to send the same number of letters, more vital war materials may be supplied them at the same time.

## WHAT'S SHOWING

At Guion Hall Saturday—"Comrade X," with Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr.

At the Campus Saturday—"The Lady Has Plans" with Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland.

Saturday Midnight, Sunday, Monday—"The Lady is Willing," Marlene Dietrich and Fred MacMurray.

## COVERING campus distractions

By JACK KEITH

Don't fail to go to Town Hall Monday night to see "THE ROMANCE OF OLD MEXICO," presented by Colonel Ricardo de Escamilla. The program promises to be something different in the way of entertainment—something unique for the A. & M. campus. As the colonel tells a story of Mexico, the troupe's own orchestra will furnish musical accompaniment. The costumes and stage equipment that Escamilla's company brings with it will be worth going to see, to say nothing of the fine singing, acting and dancing.

Showing at the midnite show tonight at the Campus and also Sunday and Monday is "THE LADY IS WILLING," with Marlene Dietrich and Fred MacMurray. Others in the supporting cast are Aline MacMahon, Stanley Ridges and Arline Judge.

Portraying a standard Hollywood plot, in which boy meets girl through the medium of somebody else's baby, "The L. is W." is a fair combination of comedy and drama. Dietrich, as an actress, goes walking one day and comes back with a baby in her arms. To accomplish two purposes—the first, to provide a father for the baby so she can adopt it; second, that a doctor for the baby will always be around—she proposes to a young baby specialist, Fred MacMurray.

This convenience marriage is almost broken up when a former wife of the doctor shows up and tries to throw in a monkey wrench. The day is saved by an illness of the baby which enables the young medico to use his skill and effect a reunion.

The Lowdown:—Old plot, new angle.

Starring a glamorous girl, Hedy Lamarr as, of all things, a street-car conductor, "COMRADE X" is showing today only at Guion Hall. Show times are 1:00, 7:00 and 8:30 p. m. Clark Gable is co-starred with Hedy in this one and the combination provides enough hilarity to suit anyone.

As a newspaper correspondent in the U. S. S. R., Gable smuggles uncensored news to the United States until he is forced to leave

the country. Naturally, he takes his shot-gun bride, Hedy, the street-car conductor, with him. It's a chase between Gable and Lamarr in one tank with an army of tanks after them.

This one takes care of all the jokes rampant in the past few years about Communism and Russians. The Clark Gable and Hedy Lamarr combine is one that is definitely a riot.

The Lowdown:—It's a chase to end all chases.

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SUNDAY - MONDAY



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## MOVIE

## Guion Hall

SATURDAY

1:00 p. m. — 7:00 and 8:30

Clark Gable — Hedy Lamarr

in

## Comrade X

News - Mickey Mouse - Comedy

## COMING

Tuesday and Wednesday

All Thru the Night